

Wheat Loans Now Available To Farmers

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration will make loans on wheat available to farmers in areas in Maryland where such loans previously could not be made because of the lack of storage facilities. It is announced by C. Z. Keller, State Executive Officer for the AAA in Maryland. The loans are being financed through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The wheat loan program as originally announced, has been modified to allow wheat to be shipped to acceptable storage at Richmond and Roanoke, Va., or other points where acceptable storage is available. Wheat that has been stored in warehouses by farmers who intend to obtain loans but could not do so because the warehouses in question were not approved for storage may be moved to an approved warehouse under this plan and placed under loan.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will advance to farmers an additional amount to take care of the freight to Richmond or Roanoke, provided such freight costs do not exceed 12 cents per bushel. Any amount in excess of 12 cents per bushel is to be borne by the producer seeking the loan. Except for this change affecting the loan rate where freight is involved, the other features of the wheat loan program remain as originally announced.

Farmers in this area interested in wheat loans should contact the office of the Agricultural Conservation Association in their county to obtain full details of the plan.

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New Free Publication Issued On Poultry Improvement Plan

A brief explanation of what the National Poultry Improvement Plan means and what it offers to buyers of hatching eggs, chicks, and breeding stock appears in a new free publication which has just been issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, according to Wade H. Rice, Poultry Specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service. The publication is offered as an aid to buyers and explains what they may expect from hatcherymen and the poultry breeders who are participating in this plan.

The National Poultry Improvement Plan is an officially sponsored, but voluntary effort to improve the poultry industry in which the Maryland Poultry Improvement Board and 42 other state agencies are cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture. In each of these states the breeders and hatcherymen may or may not participate in the program. If they enroll, they must meet the minimum requirements of the breeding stage and the pullorum control class under which they qualify, advertise, and do business in which case they may make use of the emblem, designs and official terms. The publication explains the requirements.

Under the national plan there are five breeding stages: U. S. Approved, U. S. Verified, U. S. Certified, U. S. Record of Performance, and U. S. Register of Merit. These stages, beginning with U. S. Approved, form a rising scale in the selection of breeding birds. Every bird in any flock entitled to display the emblem of the plan must be inspected and passed by an authorized agent of the state agency. The higher stages include trap nesting, pedigree breeding, and progeny testing.

There are three progressive classes of pullorum control under the plan: U. S. Pullorum-

Tested, U. S. Pullorum Passed, and U. S. Pullorum Clean. These represent three stages of pullorum elimination from the breeding flocks.

Among other things hatcheries and breeders are required to submit all proposed advertising for approval by the official State agency and to have it approved before publication. This is intended to protect both the buyer and the cooperators in the plan.

The new leaflet includes pictures of the emblem, the breeding and pullorum control labels, and simple explanations of what these mean to buyers. It is known as Miscellaneous Publication No. 317, Improving the Poultry Through the National Poultry Improvement Plan, and may be obtained free from the Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D. C. It will also be distributed through county agents and the poultry departments of the various colleges of agriculture.

WINTER PLAY SUITS FOR CHILD'S WARDROBE

A play suit for everyday wear has now become a definite part of a child's wardrobe, according to Miss Helen Shelby, Clothing Specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service, and she emphasizes, many mothers like to make the play suits rather than purchase them ready-made.

The experienced shopper has learned that the heaviest fabrics are not necessarily the warmest. Ability to shut out wind or dampness and hold a layer of air next to the body is what makes a fabric warm. Good play suit materials are flexible and pliable enough not to hamper the movements of the child. Neither will they

prickle or irritate the skin at the neck, wrists, and ankles.

A winter play suit must be durable and cleanable. Wool fabrics are satisfactory, but some of them have to be dry-cleaned. Some mothers who feel that washable clothing is preferable for children use two play suits, one over the other. The outer one is selected for its ability to turn wind, rain, or snow, but the purchaser or maker is careful to see that it is lightweight and washable. The inner suit is selected to add warmth; it is possibly of wool, and can be omitted on milder days.

Miss Shelby points out that the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its Bureau of Home Economics, has developed several types of warm, roomy, lightweight, easily put on play suits for children. It does not have patterns but at least one commercial company has embodied the best of the ideas in a practical pattern. For children between 2 and 6 years the Bureau recommends the one-piece, unbelted, loose fitting play suits. No matter how active the play, a one-piece outfit will not pull apart at the waist and let it cold as do two-piece suits with waist-length jackets. Another objection to two-piece suits for little children is that extra thickness around the waist is a real hindrance to the stooping that is so much a part of their

play. It is especially important to see that ample room is provided so that the wearer will not be hindered in climbing, waistband and at the side seam



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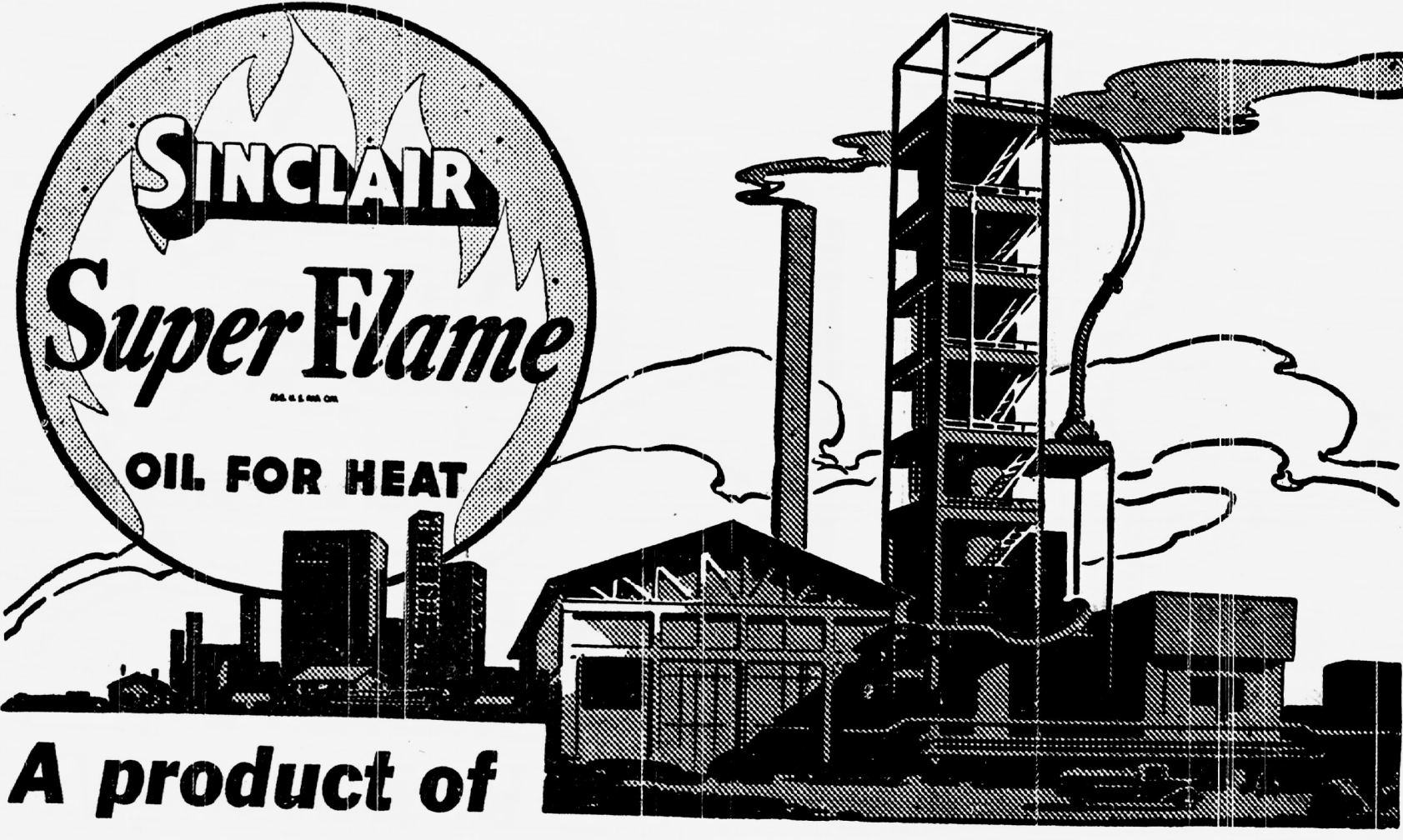
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